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**GENERAL:** Rainfall this past week benefitted fall seeded wheat, alfalfa, and some soybean and grain sorghum fields, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Across the State, irrigation activities were winding down for the season. Soybean and sorghum maturity remained near normal, with corn continuing to mature at a faster than normal pace. Other producer activities included beginning corn for grain harvest, hay harvest, and seeding wheat.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center.

**WEATHER:** Temperatures last week averaged two to eight degrees above normals. Precipitation occurred across the State with most areas in the southern half of the State receiving one inch or more.

**CROPS:** **Corn** condition rated 5% very poor, 9 poor, 23 fair, 44 good, and 19 excellent. Irrigated corn was 78% good to excellent while dryland corn rated 43% good to excellent. Ninety-one percent had dented which compared to 93 last year and 80 average. The crop rated mature on 25% of the acreage, compared to 48 last year and 19 average. High moisture grain harvest was underway in the southern and central districts with 2% combined to date. This compared with 6 last year and 2 average.

**Soybean** condition rated 8% very poor, 14 poor, 32 fair, 37 good, and 9 excellent. Plants had turned color on 50% of the crop, compared to 79 last year and 47 average. Leaves were dropping on 12% of the acreage and compares with 38 last year and 14 average.

**Sorghum** condition rated 3% very poor, 9 poor, 33 fair, 47 good, and 8 excellent. The crop had turned color on 83% of the acreage and compared with 83 last year and 69 average. Seven percent was mature, compared with 47 last year and 13 average.

The **dry bean** harvest was complete on 24% of the acreage, compared to 31% last year and 16% average. **Millet** harvest progressed to 37% combined to date, compared with 28 last year. **Wheat** seeding was 11% complete, compared with 12 last year and 14 average.

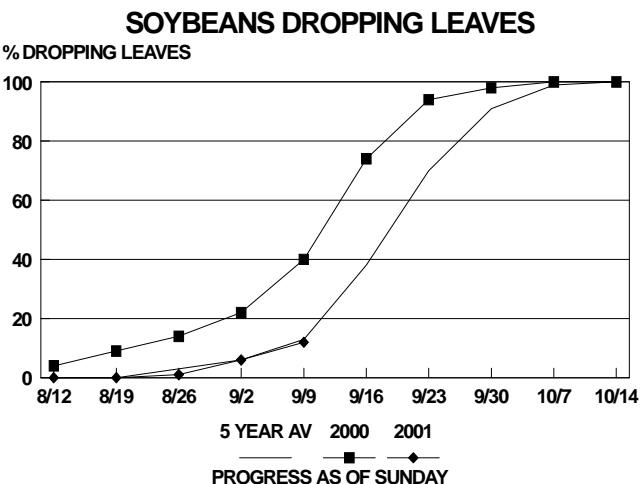
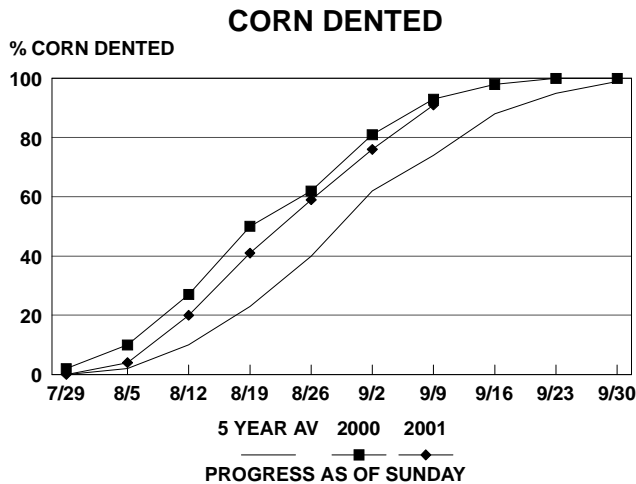
Third cutting **alfalfa** activities advanced to 97% complete, compared to 98 last year and 92 average. Fourth cutting was 20% cut to date, compared to 37% last year and 13% average. Condition rated 8% very poor, 19 poor, 36 fair, 32 good, and 5 excellent.

**Pasture and range** condition rated 10% very poor, 19 poor, 38 fair, 29 good, and 4 excellent.

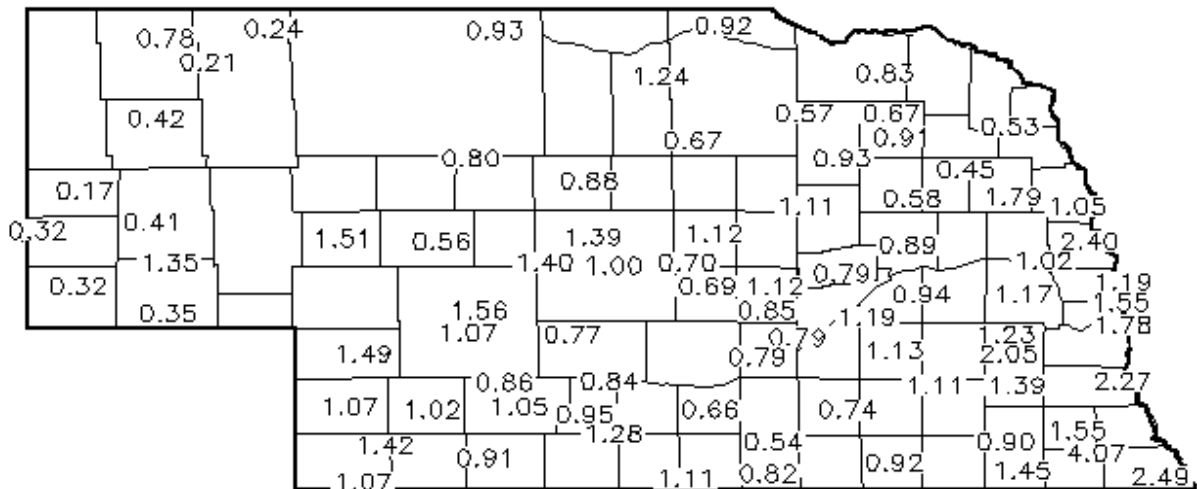
PROGRESS AND CONDITIONS, NEBRASKA, AS OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2001

ITEM	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Dent	69	86	91	96	91	84	97	96	91	76	93	80
% Corn Mature	5	10	21	33	32	12	19	37	25	13	48	19
% Corn Harvested	0	0	0	1	3	3	3	2	2	0	6	2
% Soybeans Turning Color	n/a	59	43	64	60	57	52	38	50	24	79	47
% Soybeans Dropping Leaves	n/a	8	5	9	16	13	16	12	12	6	38	14
% Sorghum Turning Color	n/a	90	61	90	91	62	70	89	83	66	83	69
% Sorghum Mature	n/a	1	2	5	12	3	9	7	7	2	47	13
% Wheat seeded	18	33	30	5	4	7	3	2	11	4	12	14
% Alfalfa Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	89	96	99	98	99	99	100	100	97	91	98	92
% Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	0	17	23	17	12	29	30	31	20	6	37	13
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	6.0	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.3	6.1	5.9	4.9	5.4	6.4	7.0	
Topsoil Moisture - % Very short	11	23	2	10	25	6	6	12	13	16	68	
- % Short	43	26	22	51	40	38	27	36	35	38	25	
- % Adequate	44	46	75	39	35	54	67	52	50	45	7	
- % Surplus	2	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	
Subsoil Moisture - % Very Short	8	9	5	30	44	15	20	14	15	19	75	
- % Short	47	35	35	50	38	46	40	52	42	41	22	
- % Adequate	45	49	59	20	18	37	40	34	41	39	3	
- % Surplus	0	7	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	

n/a = not available.



### PRECIPITATION IN INCHES FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 9, 2001<sup>1</sup>



Item	Precipitation, Nebraska, April 1 - September 9, 2001 <sup>1</sup>							
	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.49	.76	.78	1.02	1.34	1.05	.89	1.79
Total since April 1	11.90	18.25	22.25	17.48	20.22	14.81	19.11	26.58
Normal since April 1	12.16	15.34	17.50	16.64	18.78	14.50	16.62	19.59
Total as % of normal	98%	119%	127%	105%	107%	102%	115%	134%

<sup>1</sup> Source: High Plains Climate Center preliminary data as of 8:00 a.m. Sunday.

**TEMPERATURE AND GROWING DEGREE DAY DATA, NEBRASKA,  
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2001<sup>1</sup>**

Station		Temperature				Growing Degree Day Data Since April 15		
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Last Week	Current	Normal
		Max	Min					
NW	Chadron	101	38	70	---	---	---	---
	Scottsbluff	97	38	68	+2	116	2536	2309
	Sidney	96	36	68	---	111	2404	2368
NC	Valentine	102	44	73	+8	---	---	---
	Arthur	---	---	---	---	116	2537	2495
	O'Neill	---	---	---	---	128	2666	2647
NE	Norfolk	92	51	72	+5	---	---	---
	Sioux City	86	49	70	+3	---	---	---
	Concord	---	---	---	---	117	2654	2698
	Elgin	---	---	---	---	128	2679	2706
CEN	West Point	---	---	---	---	131	2761	2854
	Grand Island	92	50	72	+4	128	2830	2741
	Ord	92	51	70	---	124	2819	2720
	Kearney	---	---	---	---	125	2829	2713
EC	Lincoln	96	57	75	+6	149	3082	3003
	Omaha	91	57	74	+6	---	---	---
	Central City	---	---	---	---	131	2793	2780
SW	Mead	---	---	---	---	137	2885	2957
	Imperial	96	44	70	---	---	---	---
	North Platte	92	42	68	+3	114	2670	2575
	Curtis	---	---	---	---	122	2748	2613
SC	Holdrege	---	---	---	---	123	2822	2693
	Red Cloud	---	---	---	---	145	3173	2773
SE	Beatrice	---	---	---	---	139	2965	3004
	Clay Center	---	---	---	---	127	2843	2766

<sup>1</sup> Temperature data furnished by National Weather Service, Valley, NE. Growing Degree Day data furnished by High Plains Climate Center.

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